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amendments to the bill so I understand what they are? I don't have them before me. What are they going to do? And then I'll talk to you after you get done.

SEMATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, the committee amendments, as they now stand, only add 1¢ to the gas tax, Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Then there is no division of anything. All we are going to do is put a one penny gas tax on and give a percentage of it to the city, percentage to the county and a percentage to the state.

SEMIATOR CARSTEN: That's my understanding, it's under the same situation as it now exists only that we'll add lt to the gas tax.

SENATOR KEYES: And that will generate in the vicinity of 9 or 11 million dollars. Which is it?

SEMATOR CARSTEN: 9. something I think was the figure if I recall correctly.

SIMATOR KEYES: And that will mean then we will be given about a 12 and a half percent increase in taxes to operate your car on the highway. Am I correct in that? 1¢ on 8 and one half. Closestyyou can get is 12% increase.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Well I, okay, I'll accept your math, Senator Keyes, I don't work quite that fast.

SENATOR KEYES: In otherwords we are going to, and this also, is this bill also going to increase the license fee on cars or not? Or is that in another bill?

SENATOR CARSTEN: No, that's not in this bill. This only deals witholf, Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Well I would say this year, and I at one time was going to support this bill had it been left in a way that when the state got a road that it did not...was quite a state road but could be turned to the county and the county and the state could agree on how they were going to fix the road up, the state could turn the road back to the county. I was certainly in support of the lt. But when we are going to raise the taxes of this state 12 and one half percent for every man woman and child that drives down the road, I certainly am not going to support it. I don't think we are in that bad a need of 9 million dollars. I don't know how much money would be put into effect right away but 9 million dollars would be taken out of the taxpayers pocket in the next 12 months and I'm certainly not going to support that.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Senator Maresh, would you yield for questions?

SENATOR MARESH: Sure can.

SLMATOR MAHONEY: Senator Richard, can you tell me what is the proportion of the gasoline tax which goes to my city, the City of Omaha? Which really supplies the bulk of all gas taxes?